and precise manpower statistics are required; the National Technical Manpower information System (NTMIS) sponsored by the Ministry of the Human Resource Development, of which IAMR is the Lead Centre, covers engineering graduates and diploma holders.

The Central Advisory Committee of the National Technical Manpower Information System had considered and approved, with the support of the Ministry of Labour, the extension of the scope of the NTMIS to the ITI trainees in one of its meetings.

It is reported by IAMR that it has not been found possible to cover the ITIs under the NTMIS as continuance of NTMIS is separately being examined.

(c) Estimates of economically active stock of different categories of educated manpower in 1985 and 1990 are given on page 123 of Vol. II of the Seventh Plan Document. The Statewise break-up of these estimates have not been made.

Removal of Poverty

3185. SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN : Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) whether removal of poverty remains a central concern of Planning in India ;

(b) if so, the latest steps taken or propose to be taken to lift the poor and bring this population above the poverty line ; and

(c) what is the overall national average percentage of population who live below the poverty line?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) During the Seveth Five Year Plan, investiments on poverty alleviation programmes such as Intergrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP), National Rural Employment Programme (NREP) and Rural Landless Employment Guarantee Programme (RLEGP) have been considerably increased. Special Programmes are also being implemented for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes as well as for Hilly and backward areas. In eddition to the esisting programmes, it is proposed to launch a new intensive rural employment programmes named after Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, with a provision of Rs. 500 crores in 1989-90.

(c) The proportion of persons living below poverty line in 1983-84 has been estimated at 37·4 per cent. The percentge is expected to go down further during the current Plan period.

Public Grievances

3186. SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Public Grievances received by the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions since January, 1987;

(b) the number of Public Grievances disposed off ; and

(c) the time taken to dispose of each grievance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) to (c) During the period from January, 1987 to February, 1989, the Department of Administrative Reforms & Public Grievances received 24,380 grievances. These were sent to the concerned Ministries/Departments/ State Governments with a request to

take expeditious action thereon and to inform the complainants about the action taken. The complainants were also advised about this position. Central Ministries/ State Government have been requested by this Department from time to time to strengthen and systematise their grievances redressal machinery with a view to ensuring prompt disposal of public grievances.

Setting up of Atomic Power Plants

3187. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the sites selected by the Committee for selection of places for atomic power station will be confined to only four States of the country ;

(b) if so, the reasons for which no site was found suitable for the setting up of Atomic Power Station in Madhya Pradesh and other States ;

(c) whether it is recognised that the electricity generated by Thermal, Hydel and Atomic Power Station has different facts of advantages and disadvantages and therefore every State should have some percentage of production of all these three types of power ; and

(d) if so, what action is proposed to be taken in regard to the setting up of Atomic Power Station in other States as well?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K.R. NARAYANAN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) Sites for location of nuclear power plants have been investigated in Northern, Western, Southern and Eastern Electricity Regions of the country. The priority for locating nuclear power plants in Eastern Region is relatively low due to availability of abundant coal reserves in that region. In respect of other regions, it is the intention to aim at an optimal mix of hydel, thermal and nuclear in the region as a whole, and not on the basis of each State in the region. Irrespective of the State in which the plant is located the constituent States and Union territories of the concerned electricity region will get a share of the power generated from nuclear power plants.

मध्य प्रदेश में आदिवासी बच्चों के संबंध में केयर इंडिया द्वारा प्रायोजित परियोजना का प्रतिवेदन

3188. श्री अजीत जोगी :
कुमारी सुशीला तिरिया :

क्या स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या मध्य प्रदेश में केयर इंडिया द्वारा प्रायोजित पोषक परियोजना के प्रतिवेदन के अनुसार इस राज्य में दूसरी और तीसरी श्रेणी में पढ़ने वाले अधिकांश आदिवासी बच्चे कुपोषण से पीड़ित है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस प्रतिवेदन को ध्यान में रखते हुए आदिवासी बच्चों को कुपोषण से बचाने के लिए क्या मध्य प्रदेश सरकार को कोई विशेष सहायता प्रदान की जाएगी; और

(ग) क्या इस संबंध में अलग से कोई योजना तैयार की जाएगी जिससे कि मध्य प्रदेश के आदिवासी बच्चो में कुपोषण को कम किया जा सके?

वस्त्र मंत्री तथा स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री (श्री राम निवास मिर्धा) : (क) जी, हां।